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What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

High Holidays Are Coming!
Please see page 5 for details.

Anniversary Celebrations

OCTOBER 15-OCTOBER 17

The formal celebrations of Rabbi Angel's 10th Anniversary will begin with special services and events. Please check upcoming weekly emails and Shabbat Shalom handouts for more information about planned activities and services.

Weekend of Twinning

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2010

This November 5-7, mosques and synagogues around the world will join to explore and celebrate the commonalities in our two faith traditions. This is the third "weekend of twinning," creating the largest gathering of Muslims and Jews in the world. This year, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is participating for the first time along with the Pacifica Institute, a Turkish-American Muslim community centered in Burlingame to explore and celebrate the commonalities in our two faith traditions. Our efforts are part of the world-wide Weekend of Twinning. Please check upcoming weekly emails and Shabbat Shalom handouts for more information about planned activities and services.



Happy 10th Anniversary Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

BY DIANA BUCHBINDER AND ALEX INGERSOLL

In March 2000, Rabbi Angel came to San Francisco, with her partner, Karen Segal, to interview for the position of rabbi at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. On Sunday morning, March 19th, in the second focused session with the 10 members of the Rabbi Search Committee, we asked, *What is your personal concept of God?* Rabbi Angel immediately responded: *I like these questions!* She then paused for a while as she considered her reply. And then she did something which has proven to be emblematic of her way of being a rabbi: She led the committee in an intense 45-minute discussion of not only her concept of God, but each of our concepts of God. During that conversation, she did not set herself outside of the group; instead, she gathered the group closer as she shared her thoughts candidly. She then listened intently to us, and challenged us to consider new approaches in our own thinking. She did not shrink from expressing personal feelings of ambiguity in her own beliefs.

We were co-chairs of that search committee, and in looking back at the past 10 years, we're struck by not only Rabbi Angel's growth at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, but also by the constancy of many of her attributes —by what has *not* changed.

Rabbi Angel is still a teacher AND a learner. She is less interested in providing answers than in posing incisive questions. Her first request

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Rabbi's Study



*I lift my eyes to the mountains
I look deep within my heart,
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the source of all being
That flows through the heavens and the
earth.*

—PSALM 121:1-2

Beginnings are available to us each and every day.

*Zeh hayom aseh YHVH nagilah v'nismacha vo
In every moment let us awaken and feel joy*

—PSALM 118:24

WE ARE ENTERING the month of Elul, our personal prelude to the GREAT NEW BEGINNING, Rosh Hashanah.

As I write this, I am about to begin my personal, spiritual preparations for the new Jewish year. I am en route to Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, also known as the Alexander Archipelago, to participate in a week long sea kayaking and mindfulness retreat in conjunction with Kurt Hoelting's Inside Passages. Our trip will take us into the heart of a unique and increasingly rare coastal wilderness in Alaska's Panhandle region.

I'm not a closeted kayaker. I've only paddled on the sea a few times in my life. But I have been dreaming about taking this trip for ten years, ever since my colleague Rabbi Rachel Cowan and the Institute of Jewish Spirituality first began to offer wilderness expeditions with an emphasis on religious reflection.

I know this exercise will press on my physical limits, as we will be paddling on the water for up to five hours a day, but I have been assured that my determination and willingness to push through boundaries and develop some grit will more than compensate for my lack of experience. Unlike many wilderness trips, our focus will be enjoying the experience of being on the water as a dimension of contemplative practice.

We will be living "off the grid." Our opportunities for com-

munication with the outside world will be extremely limited; we are expected to be on a media fast. I hope that this will enable me to return to a more balanced relationship with our communication technologies and a more direct connection to the world around us.

We will be practicing silence much more than talking, which should be interesting, especially for those of us whose work entails being clever and provocative and inspiring with our words. I am craving silence but also fearing it a bit. I am imagining and hoping that nature's grandeur will awe me into silence and I will be bowed by the majesty of this world – bald eagles, orca whales and salmon; a tapestry of islands, fords and glaciated mountains; sky, moon, sun, rain...wilderness.

I know I will bring home stories to tell.... maybe even a *yontif* sermon?! I just pray that my memory is expansive enough to hold the experience and channel it into my daily life. I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, I pray that your path will be enlivened, emboldened, softened, cushioned or simply deepened by being a part of our community.

May the year 5771, according to our ancient lunar reckoning, be for each of us, all of us, everywhere a blessing. May we be blessed with love; may we be blessed with peace; may we be blessed with well-being. May this new beginning, and each day forward, be blessed.

Turn to page 11 for two High Holiday readings from the rabbi.

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L'SHANAH TOVAH! A

happy and healthy new year to you and yours.

As the president of a Reform congregation, I get what feels like hundreds of emails a day through URJ's PRESCONF, a listserv for synagogue presidents. The discussions are varied, ranging from the best vendor for yahrzeit plaques, to tips for negotiating clergy contracts, to policies about pets in the synagogue, to questions about whether your rabbi performs same-sex weddings. (You'll be glad to know that everyone who answered said their rabbi did). It's a way to get support from your peers, a kick in the pants when you need it, and a good laugh when you *really* need it.

Recently, the presidents have been sharing their High Holiday "speeches." I guess in most synagogues, the president gives what seems to be a combination fundraising/membership pitch, with a little "state of the union" and maybe a bit of d'var torah thrown in. These speeches are usually delivered on Yom Kippur. At Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, of course, we welcome other congregants to share that kavod (honor), so we have the opportunity to hear other voices and other stories. I get a chance to welcome you to our High Holiday services, but I promise these will only be *brief* remarks and not a speech at all.

But the discussion on PRESCONF got me thinking. If I were to give a High Holiday "speech," what would I say?

I would say "thank you." Thank you for being part of the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav community. Thank you for showing up to services, classes, programs, shiva minyans, and b'nei mitzvah celebrations. Thank you for volunteering to set up chairs, break down tables, lead services, bring food and otherwise share your time and skills with your congregation. Thank you for greeting the person you've never seen at services before, as well as the person you see every week. Thank you for saying "hi" to the person standing in the corner of the oneg room, and thank you for being the person who comes every week and stands in the corner until someone says hello and draws you in.

Thank you for your financial support, for giving what you

can. Thank you for making it possible for others to give, by appreciating their generosity.

Thank you for your emails and phone calls saying, "you have my support," or "you hurt my feelings," or "I'm angry," or "we need to do X and here's how I'm going to help make it happen." Thank you for sticking around when the going gets tough, and for appreciating all the times when you can't imagine being anywhere but here. Thank you for insisting that Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is *your* synagogue and for remembering that your synagogue has room for many different voices.

If I were giving a High Holiday speech, I would also say "I'm sorry." If my words or actions or lack of action has hurt you, I am sorry. That was never my intention. If I have allowed your words or actions or lack of actions to hurt me, I am sorry for that too. I know that was not your intention either.

I would also tell you that, as difficult as it is to apologize, I am so glad that I have reason to apologize. As human beings living in community, we will bump up against each other time and again. Since being perfect is not possible, our only other option would be to avoid each other, and I am grateful that none of us have made that choice.

Finally, if I were to make a High Holiday speech, I would challenge you. This year, at least once, do more than you think you can do. Give more than you think you can give. It doesn't have to be much more, just more than you feel comfortable doing, more than you think is possible. My promise to you is that I have taken this challenge on myself.

Let me tell you a secret about me: Despite my obvious willingness to take the microphone and make a speech, I find it difficult to talk with people I don't know one-on-one. So I'm challenging myself to talk with at least two newcomers at every service I attend. It won't be easy for me, and I probably won't do it as well as someone else. But welcoming the stranger is a mitzvah and I will take this on.

This is what I love about Congregation Sha'ar Zahav: You force me to be a better person than I think I am.

How can you take on this challenge? Come to services on Friday night even though it's been a tough (continued on page 5)

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New to CSZ

Second Sunday Cinema

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 5:00 PM

Settle in for a cozy screening of classic films with fellow Sha'ar Zahavniks, followed by a lively discussion facilitated by Jim Van Buskirk, co-author of *Celluloid San Francisco* and *Gay by the Bay*. We'll darken the oneg room and provide the popcorn and beverages. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Our first movie will be *Crossfire* (1947) (86 mins.) Considered the first Hollywood movie to deal with anti-Semitism, the murder victim is not Jewish, but a homosexual. Movies are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. Free to CSZ members, \$5 others.

High Holidays

Selichot Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 8:00 PM

For centuries, Jews have gathered in synagogues on the Saturday evening near Rosh Hashanah to prepare for the sacred season of self-scrutiny and renewal with this introspective and reflective service. Join us to explore High Holiday musical and religious themes, moving us toward self-judgment and new resolutions.

Ma'ariv Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 PM

Tickets are required; oneg to follow.

Rosh Hashanah

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:30 AM

Shacharit & Musaf Service. Tickets are required. Family Services.

Rosh Hashanah

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2:00 PM
AND 3:00 PM**

Tashlich brown-bag picnic at
Crissy Field, 2:00 PM
Tashlich service at Crissy Field, 3:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:30 AM

Second Day Shacharit & Musaf at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Yom Kippur

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7:30 PM

Kol Nidre. Tickets are required.

Yom Kippur

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:30 AM

Shacharit & Musaf. Tickets are required.
Family Service for pre-readers
Program for Readers

Yom Kippur

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1:30 PM

Mincha Service. This year continues a bold experiment for Yom Kippur afternoon. We are reimagining the afternoon service and delving into the Book of Jonah through spoken work, music, movement and visuals. We invite you to experience times of connectedness, engagement, and joy.

Yom Kippur

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AFTERNOON

Niggun Service, 2:30 PM
Names Service, 3:30 PM
Study Sessions, 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM
Yizkor & Neilah, 5:30 PM
Break-fast, 7:30 PM

Tickets will be mailed to members in good standing the week of August 16. To purchase tickets for guests, please contact Regina Wurst at 415-861-6932 x302 or regina@shaarzahav.org.

Services

Kever Avot v'Imahot (Hills of Eternity Cemetery)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00-11:30 AM

Please join us for a brief service at the graveside of friends and family buried in our synagogue cemetery. Services will be led by Sha'ar Zahav member Paul Cohen and Rabbi Angel. Food and shared memories will follow services.

Erev Sukkot

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010, 6:30 PM

Come and celebrate the beginning of Sukkot with a service led by the Service Leaders Chavurah in the CSZ sanctuary.

Yizkor Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 10:30 AM

All are welcome to join CSZ at this service traditionally held at the end of Sukkot. We will say Kaddish and honor your loved ones through the mitzvah of remembering.

Erev Simchat Torah

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00 PM CONSECRATION; 6:30 PM TORAH SERVICE

At 6:00pm, let's welcome the Kindergarteners and new students to the new Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer school year, and to the start of their religious school studies. At 6:30pm, we will begin our festive celebration of completing and beginning again our annual cycle of Torah reading. There will be singing, a Klezmer band, and dancing.

Chavurot

East Bay Chavurah

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6:45 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:45 PM

Sha'ar Zahav members and their guests are invited to Sha'ar Zahav's East Bay Chavurah, held the second Friday of every month. The evening begins with blessings and a vegetarian/vegan potluck. At 7:30, adults and teens continue our Shabbat experience with some meaningful text-based Jewish dialogue. To RSVP or host a future event, please contact Jessica Israel Cannon at jisrael68@yahoo.com.

Service Leaders Chavurah

SEPTEMBER 22 AT 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 28, 6:30 PM

Our first gathering of the year will be to celebrate the first night of Succot with a learner's service. Especially if you know nothing about the holiday of Succot, join us to learn and celebrate together. Our second meeting will continue the learning, sharing, and camaraderie.

Post-Oneg Social Group

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:00 PM

After welcoming the Sabbath at Sha'ar Zahav's Friday night services, please join us for a pay-your-own-way dinner at a local restaurant. We welcome all current, prospective, or new members. For more information, please contact Jim Accera, jacerra@msn.com or Tony Enriquez, Arnold_enriquez@hotmail.com

Meetings

CSZ-SFOP Organizing Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:00 PM

Join us in building relationships and pursuing justice. Our current focus is how we can help improve state government so that more money will be available for health care, education and other worthy causes. There are many ways to be engaged; be in touch and find what's right for you. For more information, please contact Dana Vinicoff at vinicoff@hotmail.com.

Va'ad Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:45 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:45 PM

All are welcome to attend and listen to Sha'ar Zahav's monthly board meeting with its pre-set agenda.

Welcoming Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00-9:00 PM

(OFFSITE)

Please join our vibrant group working to make Sha'ar Zahav the most welcoming environment it can be. Have an idea that you want to contribute? Simply want to build community amongst fantastic people? Come! For more information, please

contact Jim Accera, jacerra@msn.com or Shelli Rawlings-Fein, shellimf@yahoo.com.

Classes

Torah without Gloves: Digging Deep and Getting Dirty

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH, SIX SESSIONS, 6:45 - 8:00 PM

(PREPARATORY SESSION SEPTEMBER 27TH)

These classes, led by Rabbi Dev Noily, are about peeking behind the veil of translations. This class is not *in* Biblical Hebrew, but *about* Biblical Hebrew. You'll learn how the language *works*, without having to learn the language. If you know the Hebrew alef-bet, come to the first session on October 4th. If you don't know the alef-bet, come to the preparatory session on September 27th. \$48 members and \$60 non-members for the series of six classes. REGISTRATION REQUIRED by calling or emailing Regina Wurst at 415-861-6932 or regina@shaarzahav.org

Planning for Retirement, Caring for your Senior Loved Ones

A SERIES OF SEMINARS BEGINNING OCTOBER 12, 6:00 PM

As many of us reach a 'certain age,' we are thinking of retirement planning, or we are thinking about it for our aging parents. Please join us for one or all of the sessions, where we hope to elucidate the issues and ease some of your concerns. The first seminar, led by Deb Kinney of DLK Law and Nancy Meyer of Zephyr Real Estate, will address *Getting Your Legal House In Order*. Please RSVP to the Sha'ar Zahav office at 415-861-6932.

Embodied Judaism

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 10-11:00 AM

Dr. Zvi Bellin we lead as we explore the integration of body-oriented practices of awareness and the Jewish tradition. Participants will learn the connection between the breath and the Jewish concept of soul, and practice acceptance of their bodies' gifts and limitations as the perception of body is transformed into a divine vessel. The session will include movement, discussion, and possibly text study. \$100 for the series, members and non-members; no drop-ins; advance registration required by contacting Shaun Hannan at 415-861-6932 or Shaun@shaarzahav.org.

Shana Tova

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week and you just want to veg in front of the T.V. Take an adult education class, even though it means committing to four Monday nights in a row. Be a b'nei mitzvah mentor. Offer to help set up before an event. Sit with new members or guests at services and help them navigate our siddur. Make a donation toward bimah flowers one Friday night. Provide childcare so

parents can attend a class. Listen to someone you disagree with as if they might be right. Increase your High Holiday donation this year in honor of someone who made a difference in your life.

Thank you for accepting my challenge. I'd love to know what you've done and what it meant to you. Let me know how I can support you in this work.

L'shanah tovah. It's going to be a great year!

Beit Sefer: The Year Ahead



I WRITE this article as I am vacationing on the Jersey Shore, enjoying summer but gearing up for another wonderful year

at BSPM. Already, we have done a lot of planning and preparation to bring you a strong year. I want to tell you about some of the more exciting developments.

We have a wonderful staff returning. Our teachers include:

Andrea Guerra for Ge'avah
 Jessie Austin for Ge'avah
 Kendra Lubalin for Shinnui
 Ida Kulak for Kehilla
 Jaron Kangenson for Kehilla
 Rabbi Dev Noily and Yael Zakan for Kadimah

Joel Siegel will be returning to teach East Bay Hebrew. Andrea Guerra and Ila Cherny will join with two new teachers to run our Wednesday Hebrew program.

The Hebrew program went through revision this summer and will re-emerge as a skill based program. Students will be a part of cohorts of two-to-four students. Each cohort will move through different learning stations to work on different Hebrew skills—reading, writing, comprehension, prayers etc. We will be using Zman L'kro and the Siddur as our primary texts for Hebrew. The basic structure of the new program will be as follows:

4:00-4:10: Opening Hebrew circle
 4:10-4:40: Reading intensives (students will get to reading stations based on skill level)

4:30-5:00: Workbook Stations (students will work on writing and comprehension).

5:00-5:45: Prayer book Hebrew (we will have prayer stations where students can practice different prayers)

5:45-6:00: Hebrew games

The goal of this new program is to create a more dynamic learning envi-

ronment, with transitions that keep the students engaged and utilize different learning modalities. The skill based and small group element will allow us to support every child at his or her skill level. Parents will get a full debriefing of the new program as we start the year.

Due to a generous grant from the Bureau of Jewish Education, we have purchased exciting new curriculum and texts for our classes. We hope these will enrich our existing curricular materials.

We will continue with our Shabbat Simcha program but with only three dates. At Shabbat Simcha, we will still have dynamic, innovative services and learning tracks, and this year, they will be followed by a festive oneg.

As you are thinking about BSPM for next year, I hope that you will consider getting involved in some way. We can always use help in the classroom, volunteers for the Galei Limudim, and B'nei Mitzvah mentors.

I so look forward to seeing you all on September 25th. May your summer end with sweetness and may we all move towards a year full of happiness for 5771.

B'Shalom,
 Rebecca

FAMILY CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:45 PM

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Friday Night Live

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6:00 PM

This sensory-engaging service is designed for children 0 to 6 years, but all are welcome to celebrate Shabbat with us. Services are followed by dinner in the Oneg Room; please bring a vegetarian dish to share. If you wish to sponsor a future FNL dinner, please contact Regina Wurst in the synagogue office, 415-861-6932 x302 or regina@shaarzahav.org.

Friday Night Spirit

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5:45 PM SNACKS AND SERVICE; 7:00 PM DINNER

Children 6 to 12 years, or the young at heart, please join us for a service filled with music, story telling, and ruach. Led by Deborah Newbrun, Isaac Zones, Daniel Meyer-O'Keefe, and Brady Gill.

BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

22 FIRST Wednesday Class

25 FIRST Shabbat Class

25 Shabbat Class Parent Orientation

26 Family Sukkah Celebration

29 NO CLASS: Erev Simchat Torah

choosing children

25 YEARS LATER

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 • HERBST THEATER—SAN FRANCISCO

In just one month, the landmark documentary film, *Choosing Children*, will make its return to the silver screen after 25 years.

We want you to be there with us as we celebrate this film and all the progress we have made—and help to preserve this unique and important community time capsule. *Choosing Children* explores the then-almost-unheard-of idea that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender

people could have children—after coming out—and helped launch the LGBT baby boom, opening up the possibilities for each of us to create our own definition of “family.”

Congregation Sha’ar Zahav is proud to be a part of this special community event.

Come join in the community celebration of our legacy and future as LGBT parents and families.

Choosing Children – 25 Years Later Film Screening & Benefit Reception

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Herbst Theater

401 Van Ness, San Francisco

6:30pm: Doors Open for

Resource Fair.

7:00pm: Program and Screening:

Featuring remarks by The Honorable Donna Hitchens, founder of NCLR who is interviewed in *Choosing Children*, filmmakers Debra Chasnoff and Kim Klausner, and other special guests.

8:30pm: Dessert Reception & Resource Fair concludes.

For tickets, please visit:

www.cityboxoffice.com

For more information or to sponsor a screening, please contact Zeena Batliwalla at zbatliwalla@groundspark.org.

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Jeff Piade in honor of Lois & Joseph Piade.

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in honor of the birth of Julia Pearl Funk.

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Drew's wedding.

Frank Cannon in memory of his wife,
Patricia Cannon.

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Layke Post Carrey.
in memory of his zeyde, Shloyme
Postalov.

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congregation.

The estate of Judy Macks in Judy's
memory.

Dore & James Gabby in memory of
Judith Macks.

Avraham Giannini in memory of Chris
Hewitt.

Alan Gordon in memory of Judy Macks
in memory of Cy Bellm.

Elizabeth Katz in memory of her father,
Joseph Katz, MD.

Rose Katz in memory of her mother,
Sadie Katz.

Joanie Levinsohn in memory of Judy
Macks.

John Levinsohn in memory of Judy
Macks.

J. Todd Ormsbee

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mitzvah.

Carolyn Pines & Judy Schwartz in honor
of Drew & Flavio.

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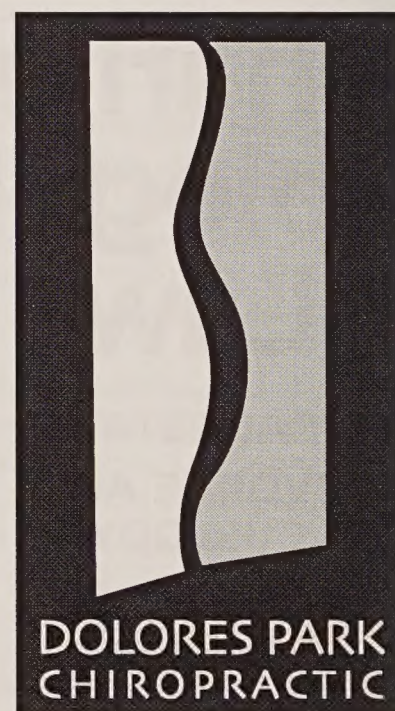
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Ingersoll's presidency.
in honor of Karen Schiller's ascendancy.

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in celebration of Karen Schiller's
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in honor of Reuben Zellman's
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Mazel tov to **Shmulik Fishman**, son of Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, on his graduation from Hampshire College.

Mazel tov to **Lisa Finkelstein**, who spent July in Israel after landing a coveted position in a program sponsored by the Israeli Consulate.

Mazel tov to **Karren Shorofsky** on being elected President of the Brandeis Hillel Day School Board of Trustees.

Mazel tov to **Liena Vayzman**, who will be relocating to the East to accept a post-doctoral associate position in Gender Equity and Policy with the Yale Women Faculty Forum.

Mazel tov to **Gabriel Lampert**, whose Letter to the Editor (in response to Michael Chabon's article "Chosen, but not Special") was published in the June 6 edition of the New York Times.

Mazel tov to everyone who participated in our June 4-6 retreat at Walker Creek.

Mazel tov to **Benjamin Gustavson-Scharf, Sophie Hogan-Cytron, Emma Simonoff, Amalia Cymrot Wu, Gabriella Odegaard** and **Nina Patchell**, who

rocked out at the Jewish Home on Silver Street in June.

Mazel tov and toda rabba to **Trudi Hauptman**, who designed a beautiful new cover for our Torah, which was unveiled for the first time during our Pride Shabbat service.

Mazel tov to **Lorraine Locke-Nacumulli** on becoming a certified hypnotherapist and Reiki III practitioner/teacher, and for opening her own private Reiki and Hypnotherapy practice.

Mazel tov to **Andrew Ramer** on the publication of his new book, *Queering the Text: Biblical, Medieval and Modern Jewish Stories*, with an afterword by Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Rabbi Dev Noily. To read an interview with Andrew about the book by Jo Ellen Green Kaiser, visit zeekforward.com/articles/116818. Order *Queering the Text* in print or pdf, at www.whitecranebooks.org/catalog/html.

Mazel tov to **Ron Lezell** and **Bob Katz**, who participated in the AIDS/LifeCycle bike expedition from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

A very special mazel tov and toda

rabba to everyone who helped make this year's Pride celebrations fabulous: Andrew Ramer, Sara Haber, Beth Sousa, Avi Goldberg, Nancy Silverrod, Lee Mosby, Richard Meyerson, Kevin Johnson, Dev Noily, Cantor Sharon Bernstein, Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, Rabbi Reuben Zellman, our Pride chorus, Nancy Levin, the Klezmer band, Marty Rawlings-Fein, Alex Ingersoll, Martin Tannenbaum and everyone who set up chairs, handed out books, cleaned up afterwards, celebrated, sang, danced and marched. It was a weekend to take PRIDE in!

Mazel tov to **Andrew Ramer**, whose article, **Debatable**, is featured in the brand new Reform Judaism Fall 2010, and is expected to spark discussion throughout the Reform Movement. To read Andrew's article, visit www.reformjudaismmag.org; you will find **Debatable** within in "News and Views of Reform Jews" section.

New Members

Welcome to our new CSZ members who have joined the congregation in 2010!

Yaron and Ben Kfir and daughter Ella
Eduardo Farrington
David (Duke) Crestfield
Karen Solomon and Matthew Schaefer and children
Desmond and Emmett
Tara Theobald and Gabrielle Anderson
Zohar Weiman-Kelman
Ellen Cleary
Robert (Avram) Felkins
Rosa Ortega
Amy Lazor
Robyn Futterman
Stephanie Rapp and daughter Ella
Rafael Mandelman

Two High Holiday Readings from Rabbi Angel

*Master of the universe, grant me the ability to be alone;
May it be my custom to go outdoors each day
Among the trees and grasses —among all growing things
And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer, to talk with
the one to whom I belong.*

*May I express there everything in my heart,
And may the foliage of the field
All the grasses, trees, and plants—
Awake at my coming, to send the powers of their life into
The words of my prayer
So that my prayer and speech are made whole
Through the life and spirit of all growing things,
Which are made as one by their transcendent source,
May I then pour out the words of my heart
Before your presence like water, o source of all
And lift up my hands to you in worship, on my behalf,
and that of my children.*

—REB NACHMAN OF BRATSLAV (1772-1810)

*Pitchu li sha'ar tzedek
Open for me the gates of justice
I will enter and acknowledge the source of all.
The gate of justice is a gateway to God,
All those seeking repair will enter.*

—PSLAM 118:19-20

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Providing a Space for Growth

THE FOG has abated after a cooler than typical summer, allowing for warm, sunny days. I love how the fog acts as our natural air conditioning, and at the same time, appreciate the change in weather. The clear skies seem to bolster my mood. And of course I've come to expect hot days while I'm sitting in Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services!

I don't recall last year's weather, but I do know that last year I had the most meaningful High Holidays that I can remember. I believe that the Holidays worked for me last year due to the preparations I made.

But what if we don't have the time, or don't take the time, to prepare? Can the High Holidays still be inspiring and beneficial? I would answer with an enthusiastic "YES!"

The broad variety of people who lead

our services bring a wide range of talents and rhythms to the bimah (pulpit). Service leaders assist me in moving beyond what is written in the prayer book to places I didn't realize I needed to go. Additionally, I am eager to hear what is on our Rabbi's mind: how she has grown in the past year, and in what ways she hopes the community can grow in the coming one. I am soothed and invigorated by the music shared by our cantor and others. I am often intrigued by the teachings and sermons of congregants. I've grown to eagerly anticipate the stories shared by congregants as to why they joined Sha'ar Zahav, and why they continue to give their time, energy and money to our community.

Even if we have done some prep work, often the High Holidays seem to arrive suddenly... And this year, only two days separate Labor Day weekend from the start of Rosh Hashanah. (So don't put away your white clothing quite yet!) If we attended services in the past month, we have heard the call of the shofar, or perhaps some snippets of High Holy Day nusach (melodies). Maybe we have worked on our heshbon hanefesh (accounting of the soul). If we attended Selichot services, we participated in changing our gorgeous colorful Torah mantels (covers) to their High Holiday whites. Our Jewish calendar offers ample opportunities to mentally, physically and spiritually prepare ourselves so the Holidays don't seem to arrive so suddenly and surprise us. But how many of us, if any, feel completely ready?

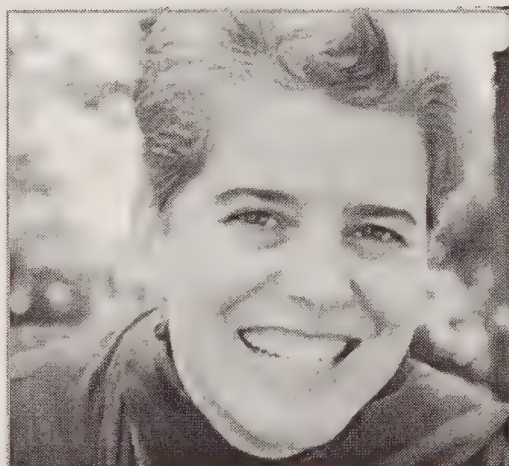
Whether we took the time to prepare or not, since the High Holidays come but once a year, we can't expect to be forgiven nor granted atonement by simply parking our tush in a seat at Herbst Theater for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Even if we attended services weekly, or prayed daily through the year, there are no guarantees that the High Holidays will bring peace of

mind so that we can focus on what we want to change.

I don't believe there are any secrets ensuring that the High Holidays give me focus. However, being at Herbst allows me to feel part of the community: the Sha'ar Zahav community as well as the worldwide Jewish community. I have come to understand that I cannot predict how being at services will affect me. What I do hope for this year is that being present will give me the strength to pry open my heart, my mind and my soul providing the space for growth.

As my mind inevitably drifts away from the written or spoken words during a service, I intend to refocus on where I am, as well as where I would like to go. Unlike in my daily life, where I dwell far too much on the past and am anxious about the future, during the High Holidays I think about who I am now, and who I would like to be in the coming year. There's a Yiddish saying that goes something like: We are who we are, not who we were. I have come to realize that I see myself most clearly when reflected through the eyes of others. I need you, sitting next to me, in front of me, behind me. And, preparing also helps. For me this has included writing and reading on High Holiday themes, talking with others, and attending the Rabbi's annual classes. Even when don't feel fully prepared by Rosh Hashanah, if I am present, my heart, mind and soul will help set the path for where I would like to go in the year ahead.

I pray to be sealed with each of you for a year of growth, health and happiness.



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Read On!

Four New Books on LGBTQ Jews

By Rose Katz

The year 5770 has been an exciting and fruitful one for queer Jewish writing and publishing, and CSZ members have been an integral part of it. Four groundbreaking anthologies published this year explore the intersections of Judaism and sexual and/or gender identity.

Balancing on the Mechitza: Transgender in Jewish Community, edited by Noach Dzmura

An historic anthology of writings by and about transgender and gender non-conforming Jews, *Balancing on the Mechitza* includes essays by current and former CSZ members Martin Rawlings-Fein, Ari Lev Fornari, Eliron Ham-

burger, Elliot Kukla, Jhos Singer, Max Strassfeld, and Reuben Zellman.

Keep Your Wives Away from Them: Orthodox Women, Unorthodox Desires, edited by Miryam Kabakov

Thoughtful, poignant, and celebratory essays by women and genderqueer people who are finding ways to reconcile their sexual and gender identities within Orthodox Judaism. The fabulous sepia-toned cover photo is of CSZ member Zohar Weiman Kelman.

Queering the Text: Biblical, Medieval, and Modern Jewish Stories, by Andrew Ramer; foreword by Jay Michaelson; afterword by Camille Shira Angela and Dev Noily

Writer, poet, and teacher Andrew Ramer grapples with traditional midrashim, plays with homoerotic love

poems from medieval Spain, and envisions alternate versions of the present in this exquisite collection of tales.

Torah Queeries: Weekly Commentaries on the Hebrew Bible, edited by Gregg Drinkwater, Joshua Lesser, and David Shneer

Commentaries from a queer perspective on the weekly parashah by scholars, activists, and rabbis, including Yoel Kahn, Caryn Aviv, Karen Erlichman, Gregg Drinkwater, Elliot Kukla, David Shneer, Reuben Zellman, Benay Lappe, Lisa Edwards, Steven Greenberg, and many others.

These books are available from the Jewish Community Library, 1835 Ellis St., San Francisco. You can reserve a title by calling 415-567-3327 ext. 706, or emailing rkatz@bjesf.org.

3rd Annual Weekend of Twinning November 5-7, 2010

This November 5-7, mosques and synagogues around the world will join to explore and celebrate the commonalities in our two faith traditions. This is the third "weekend of twinning," creating the largest gathering of Muslims and Jews in the world. This year, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is participating for the first time along with the Pacifica Institute, a Turkish-American Muslim community centered in Burlingame.

The Pacifica Institute (www.pacificainstitute.org) was founded in 2003, and has branches in southern California, Sacramento, and Las Vegas, in addition to the Bay Area. Their mission is "to promote cross-cultural awareness, in order to attain peace and diversity with our neighbors, help establish a better society where individuals love,

respect and accept each other as they are." To this end they organize conferences, panels, classes, and art performances. In this spirit they will be sharing the Weekend of Twinning with us this November.

The theme of this year's Weekend of Twinning is "Building a Common Agenda." Each twinned mosque and synagogue create their own program. We have begun meeting with members of the Pacifica Institute to plan the weekend. Several of their members have come to Shabbat dinner and services at Sha'ar Zahav. We also shared an Iftar breakfast program with them during the month of Ramadan. We hope to create a joint social action project in January.

As a diverse community with a deep commitment to tikkun olam, we wel-

come this partnership with the Pacifica Institute. In our preliminary meetings, we discussed having regular family dinner exchanges, creating programs in which our children can learn and play together, developing joint classes, and sharing our holidays. As our involvement in the San Francisco Organizing Project has enabled us to focus and deepen our commitment to making the world a better place, so too will the Weekend of Twinning and the programs we create with the Pacifica Institute allow us to build friendships that will expand our work of tikkun olam.

Please check upcoming weekly emails and Shabbat Shalom handouts for more information about the Weekend of Twinning.

Happy 10th Anniversary

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in meeting our congregation was for small home meetings where each person could “tell their story.” She still looks to “our stories” as key. As anyone who has had a one-on-one session with her knows, she is a listener, first and foremost, with the ability to ask insightful questions or to suggest a path of inquiry. She has always been interested in kids –and taken to heart the responsibility of imparting Jewish values *l’dor v’dor*, from generation to generation. That has also involved a real interest in harvesting the wisdom and experiences of our seniors and our past members and leaders.

Following ordination in 1995, Rabbi Angel spent five years as an Assistant and then Associate Rabbi at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, a major reform synagogue on Manhattan’s West Side. She arrived at CSZ with a solid base as a rabbi, but we have definitely witnessed her growth and maturation as a rabbi in these past 10 years. Even her drashes have become more concise!

Her work has always evidenced the connection between spirituality and the physical, including sexuality. CSZ has allowed her to express that more directly. Even in the first interview, her sense of humor and playfulness was evident, and she now has the confidence to really work it. She has a keen fashion sense –what was silk and pearls at Rodeph Sholom and has evolved into a stunning tie collection.

Rabbi Angel’s ability to juggle life events, guiding us through these very personal times, has become legendary. Births, marriages, funerals, conversions, b’nei mitzvah, gender transition ceremonies –Rabbi Angel gives full attention to each one. She has developed a rare talent for ensuring that each transition observance is unique, very personal, and extraordinarily meaningful to the participants.

From a solid social justice base as a feminist, her sphere of social justice has broadened, especially as regards LGBT

issues. She has stood up for marriage equality, asked that local immigration campaigns also address the particular issues around LGBT and HIV/AIDS status in immigrants, and fostered a vibrant and growing participation in SFOP.

Rabbi Angel was raised with a deep passion for Israel – which she brought to Congregation Sha’ar Zahav. During her tenure with us, through conversations with a range of congregants and from experiences during her many trips to Israel, that passion remains strong. But so also has her concern for social justice in Israel. She is still guiding us through her and our journey in reconciling those passions.

Rabbi Angel has gained professional self-confidence during these years with us in San Francisco. She now has more comfort in her rabbinic voice, with judicious invoking of rabbinic authority, all while inviting and valuing lay voices. She has shown the capacity to lead inclusively and in partnership. In the process, her profile and influence in the larger community has grown.

Here are few of her community involvements, or what she does when she’s not spending time with her daughter, Lilah Rose, or attending one of Karen’s, her wife’s, jazz performances:

Nationally, she sits on the URJ Commission for Social Justice, the Governing Board of the Religious Action Center, and the Rabbinic Advisory Council of URJ’s Just Congregations, and she participates in HUC’s Institute of Religion’s Rabbinic Mentoring Program

Locally, she has held the rabbinic seat on the board of the J weekly, is a leader in the SFOP Clergy Advisory Council, is the lead organizer for neighborhood interfaith and multi-faith activities including the Interfaith Thanksgiving service, and she sits on the Rabbinic Advisory Board to Shalom Bayit and Jewish Women’s International

She is actively involved with the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, Northern California Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Home for Aged

Rabbi Angel has taught at UCLA, USF, Graduate Theological Institute, Pacific Institute of Religion, PARR (Pacific Area Reform Rabbis), CARR (Central Conference of American Rabbis), URJ Biennials, Camp Tawonga, Brandeis Hillel Day School and Jewish Community High School

She is a supporter and member of GLSEN, NCLR, LAMBDA, HRC, IGLHRC, COLAGE, Jerusalem Open House, J Street and New Israel Fund

During the past 10 years, Rabbi Angel has been a partner in developing and growing with our community, and being a guide, a listener and an advocate. Under her guidance our community has prospered spiritually and personally, with increased diversity and strength. Rabbi Angel often introduces herself as the “lucky rabbi” of Congregation Sha’ar Zahav. But that works both ways, as we’re the definitely the lucky ones as well. Thank you Rabbi Angel and Yasher Koach! Just think what the next 10 years will bring!

Little Known Facts about Rabbi Angel

- During her rabbinic studies, she worked two summers as Chaplain on Celebrity Cruises to Bermuda and the Caribbean
- She won both the Sulzberger Award and the Stephen S. Wise Memorial Prize in Homiletics (that’s sermonizing) while studying at Hebrew Union College
- She edited *The Story of Hanukkah: A Children’s Pop-Up Book*, published by Ideal Books (a Disney company)
- She created an award-winning curriculum teaching Jewish teens about empathy, sex, love, Judaism and social justice
- She once had a monthly spot on The Odyssey Channel, a national cable TV interfaith series
- She has spoken to the United Nations on the role of world religion in urban environments

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the following members on the deaths of their loved ones:

Ali Cannon, on the death of his mother, Pat Cannon

Sophie Macks, on the death of her mother, CSZ member Judy Macks

Kevin Johnson, on the death of his aunt, Judy Fowler

Kevin Johnson, on the death of his friend, Tom Harris

The Bernard-Herman family, on the death of their friend, Mimi Arfin

Susan Leff, Brad Post, Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, on the death of their friend, Lester Rubinfeld

Wayne Bender, on the death of his uncle, Seymour Leicher

Melissa Foster, on the death of her uncle, Larry Cook

Chanah Harei-Orr, on the death of her friend, Charlotte Simpson

Member Yahrzeits

September

- 1 John Golebowski
- 3 Lee Gierson
- 5 Bernard Pechter
- 6 Elliot Klein
- 11 Daniel McGoldrick
- 18 Penny Dachinger
- 22 David Pierce
- 25 Jeffrey Lewis Cohen

October

- 6 Jeffrey A. Miller
- 7 Rabbi Benjamin Marcus
- 12 Andrew Zysman
- 13 Harry Clint Bigglestone
- 18 Harry Mautner
- 18 Duane Kearns Puryear
- 24 Glenn Murray Miller
- 29 Michael Mohr

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives.

Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

*Rabbi Camille
Shira Angel*

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